





# HOME AND FOREIGN NEWS

Doctors set to strike today; refuse piling up

## Assault on health system

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The health system suffered a double setback yesterday, as government-hospital doctors turned a deaf ear to pleas not to strike today, and Kupat Holim Clalit hospital clerks and cleanup staff refused to end their strike.

The doctors refused to back down from today's 24-hour "warning strike," which will put all government hospitals on Shabbat schedules, despite promises by Finance Minister Moshe Nissim to be "open-minded" about the problem of budget cuts and dismissals.

The doctors have said that they are not fighting for higher wages, but for the survival of the government hospital system. The cut of 573 hospital staff required by the government economic reform programme will deal a fatal blow to these institutions, say the doctors.

Health Minister Shoshana Arbeli-Almosino asked Acting Prime Minister Shimon Peres yesterday to use whatever influence he had with Nissim. Peres, in turn, called the finance minister, who said he "understood" the problem. Nissim added that the subject of budgets and job slots was open for discussion, but he would not make an explicit commitment.

The doctors decided, nevertheless, to hold the warning strike. All elective operations have been cancelled at

government hospitals today. Meanwhile, after meeting for 20 hours during the last day-and-a-half, the national assembly of Kupat Holim workers decided not to accede to a Histadrut request to stop their strike yesterday.

A majority of the administrative and maintenance workers decided to continue the strike, even though the Histadrut promised to set up a panel to study their demands and make recommendations within 10 days. The walkout enters its fifth day today, with no end in sight.

The strikers want a 14 per cent increase like that granted to workers in all other Histadrut-affiliated enterprises three months ago.

As a result of the walkout, the stench from garbage piled near the hospitals grew stronger yesterday. Supplies of clean laundry and sterile dressings were scarcer.

Hundreds of volunteers tried to scrub wards and feed patients. Some of the patients complained of hunger because food brought in by caterers was insufficient. Patients also said that cockroaches were running about in the wards.

The Health Ministry feels powerless, as the Kupat Holim strike can be settled only by the Histadrut and the Treasury.

## Knesset Interior panel to probe Balas affair

By ASHER WALLFISH  
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The Knesset's Interior Committee will next Monday go into some of the financial and political connections of financier David Balas, who is currently on trial on charges of defrauding the United Kibbutz Movement of millions of dollars over the last three years.

The matter was put on the agenda despite protests by the senior Alignment representative on the committee, Aharon Nahmias.

A representative of the attorney-general and a representative of the State Comptroller's Office have been invited to attend.

The idea first came up on Tuesday in the sub-committee for police affairs which is headed by Shinui MK Mordechai Virshubski. Likud MK Michael Eitan, who is on this sub-committee, has long been pressing for an airing of as many aspects of the Balas affair as possible, and has conducted a campaign against Police Minister Haim Bar-Lev in this connection.

When Virshubski said yesterday in the Interior Committee that he preferred to invite the two representatives to the full committee rather than the sub-committee.

Nahmias reminded Virshubski that he owed his chairmanship to the Alignment, and could lose it very quickly.

Nahmias warned Virshubski that he had the authority to dissolve the sub-committee if he persisted in taking initiatives without prior consultation. "You're in my orchestra, Virshubski, and I'm the conductor," Nahmias said. "You have to be careful with sensitive issues."

Virshubski replied: "I'm not scared by your threats. The coalition gave me the chairmanship of the police sub-committee and not you."

Nahmias then turned to Interior Committee Chairman Dov Shilansky and advised him to treat the initiative of small factions like Shinui with great circumspection. "Today they'll want to probe the Balas affair. Who knows which affair they'll want to probe tomorrow?"

Michael Eitan took a back seat at yesterday's meeting and let Virshubski field for him. After the meeting was over, Eitan issued a written statement urging the Alignment to bring out into the open any incriminating material it possessed against the Likud, and not try to paper over unsavoury episodes concerning its own members.

## IAI steps up Lavi flights to twice a week

By HIRSH GOODMAN  
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The Lavi flew its 10th experimental flight yesterday, marking yet another milestone in the development of the controversial fighter. In all, 1,800 test flights are planned before the plane goes into production in two years. The second prototype, now undergoing final evaluation, is expected to join the test flight programme in April.

Yesterday's flight, flown by Israel Aviation Industries' chief test pilot, Menahem Shmul, tested the aircraft's subsystems and engine safety ignition procedures. Shmul also performed emergency landing procedures on his final approach.

IAI president Moshe Keret told reporters who had been invited "for the first time" to watch a test flight, that the experimental programme had been stepped up to two flights a week and that "things were proceeding as well as and better than could have been expected."

Flight engineers who monitor the plane's every movement from a complex telemetry room at IAI headquarters described yesterday's flight as "flawless."



President Ronald Reagan talks with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir at the White House yesterday. (AFP telephoto)

## U.S.-Peres alliance emerges on Mideast peace strategy

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's first meeting in Washington on Tuesday with Secretary of State George Shultz signals nothing less than a major change in America's Middle East peace-seeking strategy.

During the four months that followed former premier Shimon Peres's meeting with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in Alexandria in September, American spokesmen, including Shultz and Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy, repeatedly declared that Washington regards the international conference idea as "unattractive" or virtually unacceptable. Underlying this position was Shultz's approach that everything must be done to bar Soviet entry or re-entry into Middle East peace diplomacy.

But the American position underwent a basic change over the past few weeks, during and following Murphy's last shuttle between Jerusalem and Amman. Murphy arrived first in Israel, and on January 7 sounded out Shamir and Peres on their views on the renewal of the peace process. When he mentioned the possibility of an international conference, Shamir, according to participants, "listened but did not react." Peres strongly pushed the idea of the conference.

Murphy then went to Amman, where he heard that Jordan would only enter the peace process within the framework of an international peace conference. He returned to Jerusalem and conveyed Jordan's views to Shamir and Peres, evidently with a degree of enthusiasm.

It was at this point, on January 14, that Shamir apparently saw red. He sensed that America was moving towards adoption of the Peres-Jordanian position. For the first time, Shamir firmly put his foot down and committed himself. Israel, meaning himself and the Likud, firmly opposed the conference concept.

Until that moment, and despite

some subterranean rumblings, the Likud and Shamir had gritted their teeth and kept silent about the international conference concept. They had not reacted publicly or unequivocally when Mubarak and Peres launched it in Alexandria last September, and did not condemn it even months after the October rotation, in which Shamir was installed in the premiership and Peres at the Foreign Ministry.

And then came the blow of January 14, in which Murphy allowed his enthusiasm to spill out in the talks with Shamir. The prime minister, in putting his foot down, probably hoped that this, in itself, might persuade Murphy and, more importantly, Shultz, to avoid a position that would bring Washington into direct conflict with Jerusalem.

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But Murphy brought home a simple, clear message: There is no peace process without Jordan, and Jordan would enter the peace process only within the framework of an international conference. No doubt the meetings with Peres reinforced Murphy in this conviction. And after weeks of internal discussion, Washington - which now, following Iranagate, means Shultz, in everything that relates to Middle East policy - moved to advocacy of the international conference.

Washington, like Peres, may view the conference as a shoehorn for facilitating direct Israeli-Arab talks rather than as a decision-making forum and supports Israel's conditions for Soviet participation in such a gathering.

But, as Shamir learned this week, Washington supports the conference: It is "the only game in town" and

without it, there will be no peace process. Shamir, of course, will now stick to his guns. He has no choice. The Herut Party conference is only weeks away and his rivals within will allow him no faltering when it comes to ideology and the Land of Israel. But even without this threat, Shamir can do no other. He is committed to Israeli retention of the West Bank and Gaza. He regards the status quo as "optimal," he is not bothered overmuch or, indeed, at all, by the disturbances in the territories or by the moral cost to Israel of maintaining a military occupation.

He believes that an international conference will inevitably produce a formula for a settlement that would denude Israel of all or much of the occupied territories. He knows, of course, that in what he calls "direct negotiations," Jordan would demand nothing less. Shamir would agree to nothing more than a "functional" arrangement in which Israel would continue to exercise real sovereignty, while Jordan would be allowed only some of the trappings of power. But Shamir knows that Jordan would never agree to such a "functional" deal and, for this and other reasons, will not enter into direct negotiations.

Shamir and the Likud now face a clear U.S. - Peres alliance, which in the coming weeks will be reinforced by Egypt and Jordan. Peres is due to fly to Egypt in a week or two where he will talk and act as if nothing has interrupted or undermined the process initiated by the Alexandria declaration in September.

As Shamir has ignored Alexandria and Peres in Washington, so Peres will ignore Shamir and the Likud in Cairo. Peres hopes, with Mubarak's help, to overcome the last hurdle on the road to the conference: the formulation of terms for the joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation to the talks.

## Major Jewish groups to Budapest

NEW YORK (JTA). - Two major international Jewish organizations are to hold their executive committee meetings in Budapest within a month of each other, spokesmen for the World Jewish Congress and the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture reported here.

They noted that these would be the first such gatherings in an East Bloc country.

The World Jewish Congress meeting is scheduled for May 6-9, and the Memorial Foundation session for June 30-July 2.

Israel Singer, the WJC secretary-general who, with executive director

Elan Steinberg, has just returned from Budapest, said the Hungarian government had agreed to the meeting and to the participation of all members of the WJC executive, including those from Israel.

"Senior members of the World Zionist Organization, as members of the WJC executive, will participate in the meetings, as will representatives of Jewish communities from around the world," Singer said. "This agreement represents a significant breakthrough, and we expect it to have an impact not only on Jewish relations with the Eastern Bloc, but also on the general state of East-West relations."

Jerry Hochbaum, executive director of the Memorial Foundation, noted that the foundation has been active in Budapest since 1965. It has supported the rabbinical seminary in Budapest - the only one of its kind in Eastern Europe - and has helped train more than 30 rabbis and five cantors. These rabbis and cantors now serve Jewish communities throughout Hungary, as well as in Riga, Moscow, Leningrad, East Berlin and Prague.

WJC President Edgar Bronfman said the organization's leadership was scheduled to hold discussions with Hungarian government officials on matters of mutual concern.

## Information centre head remanded for eight days

By JOEL GREENBERG  
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The head of the Alternative Information Centre, Michael Warshawsky, has been remanded in custody for eight days on suspicion that his office provided services to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

Warshawsky and five employees of the pro-Palestinian news office in West Jerusalem were held for questioning when police raided the office on Monday and closed it down for six months. The employees have been released.

Jerusalem District Court Judge Aharon Simha said he was ordering

an extension of Warshawsky's detention to enable police to determine whether Warshawsky's links with the PFLP were deliberate or coincidental, as he has claimed.

The Association for Civil Rights in Israel has protested against the closure of the AIC by administrative order as a violation of freedom of the press and freedom of information. The association said censorship of the office's publications was sufficient to protect state security.

The "Jewish-Arab Committee Confronting the Iron Fist" said the closure showed that norms applied in the territories were penetrating Israel.

## Motion demands A-G's resignation

By MENACHEM SHALEV  
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Mordechai Virshubski (Shinui) has tabled an unprecedented Knesset motion demanding the immediate resignation of Attorney-General Yoel Hersh.

Citing a "conspiracy of silence," Virshubski lists Hersh's "long line of decisions which have evoked astonishment and harsh criticism." The list includes Hersh's support of presidential pardons for the Shin Bet operatives, his advice that Foreign Minister Shimon Peres's adviser Yossi Beilin could legally serve as vice foreign minister, and his "indecision" regarding the rabbinical court judges who signed a petition against the High Court ruling on the registration of a Reform convert.

## Anti-censorship bill wins wide support

By DVORAH GETZLER  
Post Knesset Reporter

Censorship in the theatre may become a thing of the past as a result of the vote in the Knesset yesterday, when a private member's bill by Shinui's Mordechai Virshubski passed its preliminary reading by a vote of 42 to 19, with one abstention. The bill now goes to committee for further processing.

Yesterday's vote was not along party lines and received considerable support from Likud benches, which are often the source of spirited attacks on theatre productions.

Nevertheless, Likud MKs - Ovadia Eli, Yehoshua Matza, Yigal Cohen, Eliahu Shostak and Moshe Nissim - voted against.

Tehiya's Gula Cohen abstained, wanting legislation that would protect "national sensibilities."

A move by Agudat Yisrael's Avraham Shapira to have a roll call vote was rejected by Deputy Speaker Aharon Nahmias because it had not been submitted ahead of time and backed by the required 20 signatures.

'UNDESERVED' BERATING

Health Minister Shoshana Arbeli-Almosino intends to protest to the Knesset presidium against the public

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reprimand she received yesterday from angry Deputy Speaker Dov Ben-Meir.

Arbeli-Almosino was berated in absentia by Ben-Meir for failing to appear in the plenum to answer four motions for the agenda on the most recent strike in the health services.

It was all part and parcel of the cabinet's contemptuous disregard for the Knesset, Ben-Meir noted, adding that Speaker Shlomo Hillel had scored such behaviour only the day before during the Knesset's festive birthday sitting.

With other ministers who were due to speak also absent from the chamber, Ben-Meir threatened to close the session. But, in the nick of time, Deputy Social Affairs Minister Rafael Pinhasi appeared to answer two motions on unemployment in Nazareth.

Arbeli-Almosino's spokesman, however, said that the health minister had been in the building attending an important committee meeting. He claimed she had asked the Knesset clerk to call her and he had failed to pass on the message.

### TRUST THE BANK

The Bank of Israel must be given more time to act over the severance pay and pension terms granted to Bank Leumi heads, Deputy Finance Minister Adi Amora said yesterday.

Amora was replying to a motion for the agenda by Likud MK Benny Shalita, who delivered an impassioned speech to a plenum empty of all members except Ben-Meir, Ran Cohen (Citizens Rights Movement) and the deputy minister.

Shalita criticized Leumi's new board of directors for passing in silence over the \$20,000 that Mordechai Einhorn, the bank's former chief executive officer, is to receive. "They have learned nothing and they should be sent packing," Shalita said.

Amora read a letter from the central bank citing the agreement made between the government and the banks after the 1983 bank shares crisis in which the banks undertook to do nothing that would prejudice the state's interests as an owner of shares. That still stood, he said. The issue was referred to committee.

## Sella hires new lawyer

By WOLF BLITZER  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. - Israel Air Force Brigadier-General Aviam Sella has retained a new Washington lawyer to help in his defence in the Jonathan Jay Pollard spy scandal.

Earlier this month, the U.S. Justice Department informed Sella that he might be formally indicted because of his reported role as Pollard's first and most important "handler" in the spy ring.

Nathan Lewin, a prominent Washington criminal attorney, told The Jerusalem Post that he had been brought into the case by Sella's main lawyer in Tel Aviv, former justice minister Haim Zadok. Lewin is due to arrive in Israel today for meetings with Zadok, Sella and others.

## MOCK AFFAIR

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remaining in office isolates Austria from its Western friends. He proposes, however, to wait until political life in Austria will return to normal after the elections.

In the letter attributed to Mock in 1980 he wrote to Albrecht "I agree with you that the relevant negotiations can only take place after October 5 (1980) when the defeat of Mr. Strauss will become evident in the elections."

Helmut Urban, a graphology expert who was called by the court in 1980 to examine the alleged Mock letter to Albrecht and who now examined the letter to Thatcher that both letters are alike as "one egg to another." The same IBM swivel-head typewriter was used in both letters, Urban determined, which leads to the possibility that both letters were written by the same person or group.

Schenz comes to the conclusion that whoever wrote the Mock letter to Thatcher must have known that a real letter - that of December 18 - indeed existed which leads to circles close to Mock himself. The Austrian state attorney who closed the "Mock letter" file seven years ago thought there were "interesting parallels" in both forged letter affairs.

## Crackdown sought against computer software porn

By BERNARD JOSEPHS  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Worried Education Ministry officials have asked the police to crack down on pornography peddlers who sell explicit computer games to school children.

The officials say they are concerned that the software, with titles such as "Strip Poker" and "Rape Games," is being sold to pre-teenage computer enthusiasts.

The ministry's legal adviser, Aryeh Brick, has asked the police to investigate whether the dealers are breaking the law, and has called on

the Industry and Trade Ministry to prevent further sales to minors.

The trade in pornographic software was revealed recently in TV's *Kolbotek* consumer affairs programme.

An official said last night that educators and parents had bombarded the ministry with requests for action.

"The thing that concerns us most," said the official, "is that parents are rarely present when their children are using the family computer. There is no adult supervision and the people who sell these so-called 'games' know this."

## Eight chicken pox cases detected in Nablus jail

Eight cases of chicken pox have been diagnosed among prisoners in the Nablus jail. The sick prisoners have been placed in an isolation ward to prevent the spread of the disease to the other 500 prisoners, the Prisons Service spokesman announced yesterday.

For the next two weeks, visits by relatives are banned; prisoners will not be transferred to other jails and no new prisoners will be accepted, the spokesman said.

**AMIT WOMEN**  
(Formerly American Mizrahi Women)

share the grief and sorrow of the Dyckman and Holzer families on the untimely and tragic death of

**CHERYL HOLZER**  
(née Goldschmidt) and baby daughter

**ATARA**

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Dr. Ami Zeevi  
Director-General

Belle Gitelman  
Chairman, Israel Ex-Rep

In great sorrow, we announce the death of our dear

**ELIESER RACHAIOVICH**

The funeral will take place at Kibbutz Shoval at 1 p.m. tomorrow, Friday, February 20, 1987

He will be sadly missed.

The Family and Kibbutz Shoval



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## 'Lebanon victim of its own anarchy'

WASHINGTON (Reuters). - Lebanon will remain isolated from the world at large until the Lebanese people rid their country of the anarchy now taking place in the streets of Beirut, the U.S. State Department said yesterday.

In the latest of a series of increasingly blunt statements, spokesman Charles Redman stressed the responsibility Lebanon itself bears for ending factional violence and ousting foreign forces.

The raging violence engulfing Beirut, "is deplorable, but there will be no end to it until the people of

Beirut and Lebanon as a whole, take up their responsibilities as a civilized community to overcome the chaos and factional strife besetting the country," he said.

"Until the Lebanese move to rid their country of the type of brutal anarchy now going on in the streets of West Beirut and in other parts of Lebanon, they will remain isolated from the world at large," he added.

Redman sidestepped reports that there may be a Soviet role in an apparent new alliance between communist and Druse forces in the battle against Shi'ite Amal militiamen.

## Opposition victorious

## Fianna Fail head tipped as new P.M.

DUBLIN (Reuters). - Opposition leader Charles Haughey headed for victory yesterday in the Irish general election but he could just fail to clinch an overall majority and be forced to settle for a minority government, according to unofficial estimates from party workers.

Haughey, 61, bidding to be Irish prime minister for the third time, said: "There's nothing definite at this stage but all our calculations are that we are on target for a majority."

The Fianna Fail leader needs 84 seats for an overall majority and tallies, the party workers who monitor vote-counting, forecast that he would win 82-85 seats. All tally-

men agreed that Prime Minister Garret Fitzgerald's ruling Fine Gael party was doomed to defeat while the new breakaway Progressive Democrats, led by Fianna Fail dissident Desmond O'Malley, could win up to 14 seats.

O'Malley told reporters: "I think this is a fantastic achievement for a party that did not even exist 14 months ago."

A major casualty in the election was the Labour Party, which held 14 seats in the outgoing parliament but precipitated the election by leaving Fitzgerald's ruling coalition in disagreement over budget cuts. Labour leader Dick Spring was in danger of losing his seat, tallies men said.

## Reagan may let Regan go

WASHINGTON (Reuters). - President Reagan yesterday ruled out firing White House chief of staff Donald Regan but said the embattled aide's future status in the administration is "up to him."

"I have always said that when people I've asked to come into government feel that they have to return

to private life, that's their business and I will never try to talk them out of it," Reagan said.

The president's refusal to give Regan a ringing vote of confidence came during a brief encounter with reporters and raised further questions about the future of his top aide.

## U.S. rapped for restoring death penalty

By MENACHEM SHALEV  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

In Delaware, they use hanging; in Florida - electrocution; in Missouri it's the gas chamber and in Idaho - shooting.

Abolished in most of the Western world, the death penalty is flourishing in 37 states in the U.S. and, says Amnesty International, "has once again become a horrifying 'lottery' in which political, financial and community pressures plus geographical location may well play a more decisive part in sending a person to the death chambers than the actual crime itself."

When Amnesty takes on the U.S. it presents its report in a professionally bound and designed red-covered 244-page book. Inside, one finds a scathing blast of the death penalty in the U.S., the use of which, Amnesty says, "has been arbitrary, racially biased and unfair" and "a clear violation of international treaties" signed by the U.S. government.

Sixty-six people have been executed in the U.S. since the 1976 Supreme Court ruling which allowed the death penalty to be reinstated; another 1,788 are on death row "waiting to see if they too are to be electrocuted, gassed, poisoned or shot dead."

In the Western world, America's contemporaries in carrying out the death sentence are few and far be-

tween. In Europe, only Turkey has carried out executions, the last in 1984.

The death penalty for minors is authorized in 28 U.S. states. Worldwide, it has been imposed on minors only eight times since 1980: three times in the U.S., twice in Pakistan, once each in Bangladesh, Barbados and Rwanda. Iran, like the U.S., is also reported to have executed juvenile offenders.

A convict sentenced to death in Florida, Georgia, Texas and Louisiana stands more chance of having the sentence carried out: two-thirds of all executions between 1977 and 1985 were carried out in these four states.

The majority of prisoners sentenced to death come from the poorest sectors of society. Death sentences are "a privilege of the poor," one jail warden told an investigating committee. Men are more likely to be executed than women, of whom there were 22 on death row in 1985.

Racial discrimination is evident from the statistics: 89 per cent of those executed between 1977 and 1985 had been convicted of murdering whites, even though there were nearly as many black murder victims as whites. In Florida, those who killed whites are 40 times more likely to get the death sentence than those who had killed blacks.

The decision to carry out the death



## British gov't set on expelling Tamils

LONDON (Reuters). - About 12 Tamil men stripped to their underpants at London's Heathrow Airport Tuesday night as they were being forced aboard an aircraft returning them to Bangladesh. The Sri Lankan Tamils arrived in a group of 64 from Bangladesh last week but were refused political asylum.

The British government said yesterday it still

wanted to expel the Tamils despite court action by immigration aid groups to stop their deportation.

The Home Office said it would ask for the lifting of a temporary High Court order preventing their expulsion.

Following the High Court order, the Tamils were removed from the plane on which they had been dragged by police.

## U.S. to lift sanctions against Poland

WASHINGTON (AP). - President Ronald Reagan will lift U.S. economic sanctions against Poland in response to reforms undertaken by government and appeals from Polish church and trade union leaders, administration officials say.

The decision was accelerated by a

visit to Warsaw late last month by Deputy Secretary of State John Whitehead that extended a thaw in U.S. dealings with the once-isolated Communist country.

It followed the release last September of almost all of Poland's political prisoners. Despite the

amnesty, however, opposition sources said more than 20 such prisoners were still being held, and Lech Walesa, a leader of Solidarity, had urged the U.S. to press for restoration of the independent trade union.

The Polish government's suppression of Solidarity and its imposition of martial law had prompted Reagan to impose the sanctions in December 1981. U.S. relations with Warsaw were frozen. The sanctions included the denial of new U.S. trade credits and higher-than-usual tariffs for Polish goods.

Reagan also suspended Polish fishing privileges in U.S. waters and landing rights for Polish commercial aircraft. The fishing and commercial aircraft sanctions were lifted on January 19, 1984.

The Nato allies joined in the U.S. sanctions in 1982, suspending official credits for non-food items and negotiations on rescheduling Poland's debt.

Whitehead met with Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski, the Polish leader, other government officials, and with Walesa and senior Roman Catholic church figures.

The sanctions cut into Poland's trade with the U.S., which dropped from \$1 billion in 1979 to an estimated \$400 million last year. Three conditions were set for removing them: lifting of martial law; release of political prisoners; and progress toward reconciliation between the government and segments of Polish society, including the trade union movement.

## Iraq announces unilateral bombing moratorium

BAGHDAD (AFP). - Iraq yesterday declared unilaterally that it would stop bombing Iranian towns for two weeks, in a move ordered by Iraqi President Saddam Hussein in response to a request from Iranian leader, Massoud Rajavi, Baghdad announced.

An official statement said Rajavi, head of the People's Mujahadeen, had asked the president "in the name of the Iranian regime" to stop the bombing.

But Baghdad added, Iraq would resume bombing on an even larger scale if Iran bombed Iraqi towns or launched a new offensive, and said the ceasefire would not apply to economic and military targets. The People's Mujahadeen confirmed in a statement that Rajavi had asked for the ceasefire. It is the second time that he has successfully appealed for a ceasefire, the first being three years ago, when he was living in exile in Paris.

In a 1983 execution by lethal gas in Mississippi, the prisoner was reported to have had convulsions for eight minutes and to have struck his head repeatedly on the pole behind him. Some witnesses claimed that he was not yet dead when deputies asked them to leave the witness room.

John Lewis Evans was electrocuted in Alabama in 1983. It took three separate jolts of over 1,900 volts over a 14-minute period before he was pronounced dead. During the first charge, the electrode on his leg burned through and fell off; during the second, smoke and flame erupted from his left temple and leg. The third jolt was given after doctors said that they were not certain that he was dead.

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Amnesty finds that executions do not serve as a deterrent: two states had an increase in homicides immediately after executions were carried out.

"Savagery begets savagery," says Andrei Sakharov, the former Soviet prisoner of conscience. "I regard the death penalty as a savage and immoral institution that undermines the moral and legal foundations of a society."

## U.S. spying now costs \$28b. annually

WASHINGTON (AP). - U.S. spy agencies have doubled the amount of money they are spending and analyzing intelligence in the past decade as they try to rebuild a capability that was crippled in the 1970s, sources say.

The overall U.S. intelligence budget for the current fiscal year is estimated at \$28 billion, according to Congressional sources, who asked to remain anonymous because the figure is classified. An even higher figure has been requested for next year, they say.

Much of this buildup has been directed by William Casey, who retired as head of the Central Intelligence Agency this month. Under Casey - the first spy master to hold cabinet rank - America's intelligence

## Italian nurses, hospital workers strike

ROME (Reuters). - Thousands of nurses, porters and other hospital staff marched through Rome's city centre yesterday as part of a 24-hour strike over pay and conditions.

The country-wide strike by 600,000 hospital workers, including cooks, chemists and cleaners left doctors largely alone in caring for patients in Italy's public hospitals.

## Drug-sniffing pig pensioned off

HANOVER (AP). - "Luise," West Germany's drug-sniffing pig who rose to the status of civil servant is retiring to raise a family, a state official said yesterday.

The 131-kg. Luise, who joined the state police force as a drug and explosive sniffer in 1984 and was officially declared a civil servant in July 1985 in her capacity as a police anti-drug "agent," is expecting a litter.

"Her handler, Werner Franke, is retiring from the police force and he's taking Luise along," the spokesman explained.

## Mother belts polar bear to save tot

MOSCOW (AFP). - A Siberian woman beat a polar bear on its nose to force it to release her little girl. Tass news agency reported Tuesday.

Valentine Morgoun and her daughter Lena were on their way to the Magadan polar station in eastern Siberia when the bear seized the girl by her coat. Using only her belt, Morgoun battered the bear on its nose until it let go of her daughter. The bear turned to attack again only to receive another lashing, and finally fled as help arrived.

## Vietnam shake-up aimed at economic reform

BANGKOK (Reuters). - Vietnam's new communist leaders have taken a first step towards long-overdue economic reforms by sacking 13 cabinet members and streamlining their ministries, Western diplomats said yesterday.

The surprise reshuffle announced Tuesday confirmed that Hanoi wanted pragmatic solutions to the economic stagnation plaguing the country since it was reunified in 1975, they said. It also indicated that reformist leader Nguyen Van Linh was probably in firmer control than believed since he took over as the party's secretary-general last December, they said.

## Tamil bomb exploded prematurely, kills 61

JAFFNA (Reuters). - Up to 50 civilians and 11 Tamil guerrillas were killed when a powerful bomb which had been intended to blow up a Sri Lankan army camp, exploded prematurely in a Jaffna village last weekend, rebels and residents told Reuters.

The bomb, estimated by military officials to have weighed at least 150 kilos, damaged concrete houses within a 100-metre radius on Saturday at Kaithady village in Jaffna peninsula.

## 40 killed when bus plunges into river

DACCA (AP). - At least 40 people were killed when a bus plunged into a river while attempting to board a ferry that already had pulled away, police said yesterday. They said that they believed 55 passengers were on the bus Tuesday when it fell into the 18.3 metre deep Mahashingh river northeast of Dacca.

## Boy sacrificed in drought-stricken village

NEW DELHI (AP). - A 10-year-old boy was sacrificed by an unemployed man in a drought-stricken village in western India in the hope that a dry well would yield water, a news report said yesterday.

Anil Singoram was lured to the well by Somnath Nimbalkar, a friend of the boy's elder brother, with a promise that he would be taken to a movie. Instead he was killed, the United News of India reported.

Police have filed a murder charge against Nimbalkar, who reportedly confessed the crime and said he was advised to conduct the sacrifice by a local guru. He and the boy's brother lost their jobs more than a year ago.

## 3,000 took part in Kazakhstan riots

ALMA ATA (AP). - In a substantially revised account of December riots here, the prime minister of the Soviet republic of Kazakhstan said yesterday that two people died and 200 required medical care as a result of the disorders.

Prime Minister Nursultan Nazarbaev also said that up to 3,000 people - several times the number previously reported - took part in the nationalist demonstrations. He said about 100 people were detained and three have been sentenced to prison or labour camp for participation in the riots.

## To Mr. ARYE DULZIN

We, participants in the Conference of the Leaders of the Sephardi and Oriental Jewish Communities, which took place in Tel Aviv, and which discussed ways and means of advancing the cultural-historical heritage of Sephardi and Oriental Jewry, wish to express our thanks to you, Mr. Arye Dulzin, Chairman of the Executives of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization for your enthusiastic support in the preservation of that heritage. We wish to strengthen your hands and wish you continued productive work.

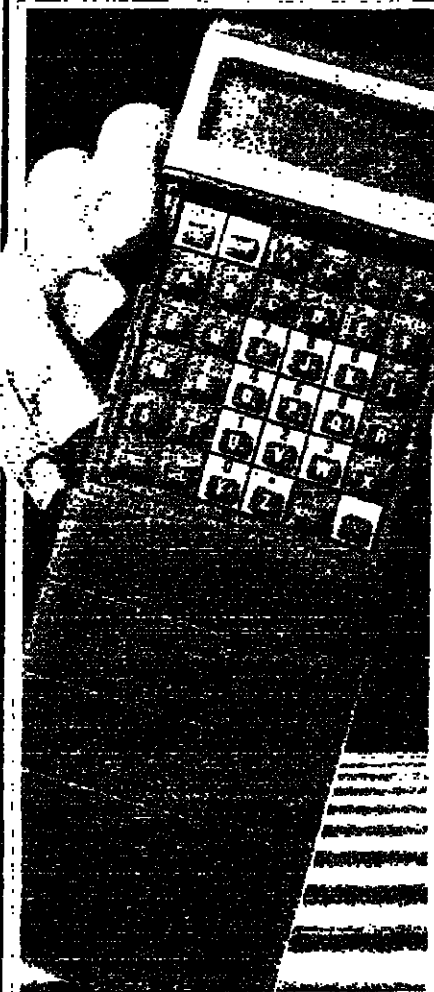
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## Differing visions of the Negev:

## JNF's green or NRA's gold?

By ANDY COURT  
For The Jerusalem Post

The 1,500 schoolchildren travelling to Sde Boker today to inaugurate the Jewish National Fund's "Ya'ar Hanegev" project are travelling to the scene of a conflict between the advocates of the forest and the guardians of the desert.

The basic question is how much should man change the desert or any other natural area? But beyond this, there is also the question of how the pupils taking today's train ride should be taught to think about the area they are visiting.

The controversy began two weeks ago when officials of the Nature Reserves Authority saw a letter sent by the Jewish National Fund to schools throughout the country, describing the project which involves planting trees according to an experimental technique.

The project will cover some 5,000 dunams of Kibbutz Sde Boker, but the JNF said that it could grow to some 50,000 dunams. In the future, the letter said, the whole area from Mitzpe Ramon to Yeroham would "no longer be gold," but green.

To the Nature Reserves Authority, this was tantamount to heresy. NRA officials felt that the letter implied that the desert was a wasteland waiting to be redeemed by the forests of the JNF, when it was already a rich landscape abounding with plants and animals that would be destroyed or driven away by the JNF's ecological changes.

"The JNF's vision is anachronistic," said NRA spokeswoman Yael Shoham. "In the beginning, David Ben-Gurion created a committee to improve the landscape. He wanted to bring trees from Russia and put them here." But he modified his



Teachers visiting the site of JNF's 'Ya'ar Hanegev' project at Kibbutz Sde Boker a few weeks ago.

views over the years, added Shoham.

The NRA is part of the movement to get people to appreciate the inherent value and extraordinary variety of all the ecosystems found in this small country, Shoham said.

"We say that the desert is beautiful as it is. The mandate of the NRA is to protect the nature that's in Israel - not to bring nature here from the Volga."

Why, Shoham asked, didn't the JNF first discuss its plans through an established public forum, such as the Agriculture Ministry's Pasture and

Forest Authority, before presenting them to the schoolchildren of Israel?

The JNF responds that the NRA has blown the issue out of all proportion. There will be plenty of time for public discussion if the present experiment succeeds, according to JNF chairman Moshe Rivlin. The current project constitutes only a 5,000 dunam parcel of the Negev's 11 million dunams of desert, he said.

Ben-Gurion envisioned a Negev populated and cultivated by millions of Jews; the trees make this possible - not only by providing settlers with a certain quality of life, but also by preventing soil erosion which is a big problem in the Negev, Rivlin said.

To some extent, the argument between the conservationists and the foresters is a question of proportion - how many dunams to settle and cultivate, how many dunams to leave as they are.

But it's also a matter of two different visions. The JNF people talk with pride of forests where families can picnic in the middle of the desert. The NRA people talk with pride about the number of people who have come to the visitors' centre at Mitzpe Ramon to see the natural desert landscape.

Shoham said that the NRA will not stage any protests when the schoolchildren come down by train for the dedication ceremony today at Sde Boker. The authority will, however, ask the Agriculture Ministry to require written plans from the JNF, which can then serve as the basis for public discussion.

For its part, the JNF says that it plans to organize a study day with NRA officials as a way of starting a constructive dialogue.

For the time being, however, the forces of the forest and the forces of the desert seem destined to clash.

Emigration  
'no longer a  
dirty word'By BERNARD JOSEPHS  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Quitting the country is no longer considered a cardinal sin, according to a study by a Tel Aviv University sociologist.

In fact, he says, emigration - for so long the major taboo in Israel - appears to be gaining acceptance both among those who leave and those who stay behind.

The discussion paper, written by Yimon Cohen of the Golda Meir Institute for Social and Labour Research, a joint TAU-Histadrut institution, looks at the effects of the security situation on Jewish emigration.

But the most striking findings concern attitudes towards those who leave.

Emigrants still attract strong criticism from the political leadership and from sections of the press, writes Cohen, but not necessarily from society at large.

"There is some evidence that over the past five or six years emigrants are less ashamed of their behaviour and those remaining are less critical of them," says the report.

Cohen quotes an emigrant in the U.S. who said: "No one tried to talk me out of it. That's what surprised me when the whole idea took root."

"Everyone agreed with what I said. There wasn't one who said, 'Look - you haven't thought about...'. Has anyone called me a traitor? No. On the contrary."

"You know what they told me? 'If you're there for a year and it's really good, do me a favour and think of me.'"

Such comments, says the sociologist, were "virtually unheard of in the '50s and '60s."

The legitimization of Jewish emigration has just begun, stresses Cohen adding. "It is by no means complete, and whether emigration from Israel will ever be perceived as normal behaviour [as in most other countries] remains to be seen."

The report examines whether the security situation and the threat of war encourage people to leave.

On the one hand, it says, "taking men out of their everyday work into the military [for reserve duty] increases emigration. But a shared notion of the necessity and importance of the conflict holds the populace at home."

The belief that lengthy stretches of reserve duty encourage emigration is backed up, the report says, by the fact that men aged between 25 and 35, who are more likely to be called up than others, are also the largest group of emigrants.

## She's the only Jewish girl on board

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. - "What's a nice Jewish girl doing in the U.S. Navy?"

"Being careful, just like my mother told me." Clare Hayward, the only Jewish woman on board the Sixth Fleet destroyer tender, USS Puget Sound, told *The Jerusalem Post*.

The Puget Sound, a non-combat vessel which is undergoing repairs and maintenance, has several hundred women in its 1,700-strong crew.

The petite 19-year-old quality control inspector visited City Hall yesterday with a group of Jewish seamen and one aviator from the Sixth Fleet ships currently in port. They were accompanied by the

fleet's rabbi, Lt. Commander Sanford Shudnow, and two Protestant chaplains, Lts. Scott Davies and Virgil Tillman.

Hayward said she joined the Navy two years ago "to see the world" and benefit from the Navy's educational facilities. Her father, a building contractor, was against it, but her mother, a "cowboy" ranch owner in Wyoming, was all for it. "But she told me, 'You be careful.'" The California-born seamstress said.

She chose to serve in the Western hemisphere, "and I've already seen a lot." This is her first visit to Israel. A member of the Reform movement, she leads Jewish services on her ship as one of the fleet's lay readers. But they don't often have a

minyan. On festival days they get together with Jewish men from other ships. "On Shabbat we have kiddush and a small service in English, but I have learned some of the blessings in Hebrew," she said.

Chaplain Lt. Davies noted that he had occasionally served as tenth man for a minyan. And last Yom Kippur, when serving in the Pacific, he arranged for Jewish men from several ships to be helicoptered to the battleship Iowa for the service.

Rabbi Shudnow, who is a Hebrew University graduate, explained that the U.S. naval chaplain school teaches all trainees a common religious programme acceptable to all denominations, so that the chaplains can serve the religious needs of all the men.

## Family winery unveils three quality whites

By HAIM SHAPIRO  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel's smallest producer of quality wines, the Baron Winery, yesterday unveiled three new vintages in its prestige Maestro series.

The three, all white wines, are a Sauvignon blanc, an Emerald Riesling and a Muscat. All three are dry wines, although the last two are usually produced as semi-dry.

The Sauvignon blanc, perhaps the most impressive of the three, has a full, if not overwhelming, bouquet and a rich, but dry, fruity taste, with a full aftertaste.

The Emerald Riesling, which is usually produced as a semi-dry wine, has a rich, full, flowery bouquet, which at first taste promises more than it delivers. When the wine has warmed to almost room temperature, the taste becomes far more

satisfying.

Perhaps the most interesting of the three is the Muscat, made from a grape that is usually considered to have little promise, according to Baron's Ed Salzberg, a 37-year-old graduate of the University of California at Davis.

Usually, he explained, Muscat grapes, the standard grapes of this country, are grown to produce as much tonnage and sugar content as possible. Here, however, they were picked far before they had reached their full sugar potential, so as to preserve their bouquet.

This year, the Baron cellars produced about 100,000 bottles, a drop in the bucket compared with the country's large wineries. Next year, according to Yonatan Tishby, owner of the winery, it hopes to produce up to 250,000 bottles. The increased

production will enable the winery to export, although sales in Israel are more profitable than sales abroad.

The family, who have been growing grapes for five generations, have held the same plot of land for almost a century. Until recently, they were the largest grape owners for Carmel Mizrahi, the country's giant wine cooperative.

About four years ago, Tishby said, he became convinced that the winery was not filling its economic potential. A feasibility study showed that a small winery could make a go of it. The new winery opened in 1985.

The new wines are to be marketed in select food shops, the Super-Sol chain, hotels and exclusive restaurants. They are produced according to the chilled fermentation method, which tends to bring out a fuller bouquet.

## NBA games touted for Second Channel

Post Knesset Correspondent

The experimental telecasts of the Second Channel could feature some of the NBA basketball games from the U.S. if Communications Minister Amnon Rubinstein lets himself be persuaded by the MK responsible for the subject, Pinhas Goldstein.

Goldstein, who chairs the special Knesset sub-committee on the proposed Second Channel Law, put the idea to Rubinstein in writing yesterday after getting scores of letters and phone calls about it.

## U.S. sailor charged with attempted rape

HAIFA (Itim). - The Haifa District Court yesterday extended until next Monday the remand of Jimmy Kennedy, 21, a crew member of the U.S. aircraft carrier John F. Kennedy. The Haifa district attorney yesterday charged him with the attempted rape

of a local pub. In another appeal to Rubinstein, Goldstein warned that the plan of cable television operators in Israel to pick up satellite transmissions from Europe and broadcast them to customers would kill the Second Channel.

Goldstein wrote that negotiations are already under way with a Jewish entrepreneur in France for the link-up and that lawyers here are already working on a draft of an amendment to the legislation on cable television. He asked Rubinstein to act forthwith to prevent this possibility.

On Monday, the court is expected to hold a hearing on the prosecution's request that Kennedy be held until the end of his trial.

## SOCCER: Israel 1, N. Ireland 1

## New side earn draw

By PAUL KOHN

TEL AVIV. - Zion Marili, the Haifa left back, sent a swerving shot past a wall of green-shirted defenders three minutes before the final whistle to give Israel a well-deserved 1-1 draw with Northern Ireland, in their friendly international at Ramat Gan yesterday evening.

Until that 87th minute it was the Irish eyes that were smiling as they snatched a 37th minute lead through a lovely goal by the diminutive Steven Penney, who plays for Brighton. Nir Klinger, making his international debut, made a mistake and allowed a ball to reach Penney and Kevin Wilson in front of the Israeli goal. A neat one-two combination by these two, a feint by Penney and swerves to the right and left, then his cracking low shot from 12 metres gave Avi Ran in goal no chance.

But that was the only time the Irish got past the agile Israeli keeper, who had a splendid game. The same can be said of his Maccabi Haifa teammate, Daniel Brailovsky, who was the one home player who got the Israeli attack moving into a higher gear. Before the equalizer by Marili, yet another Haifa player, Brailovsky made two scintillating runs from half-way into the Irish goal area. He and Eli Dricks, who came on in the 60th minute for Moshe Eisenberg, saw their shots scrambled off the goal-line to go only inches wide of the post, in a pile-up with half-a-dozen Irish defenders. In the last 15 minutes, Israel put on pressure for the equalizer. It was only then that Uri Malmilian was seen at his best.

National team coach, Miljenko Mihic, taking charge of his first international, showed that he was in firm control. In the second half, he brought on Efraim Davidi in place of captain Avi Cohen. Later he also took off Moshe Sinai. He must have been pleased by the players' keenness, though none of his young newcomers to international football shone.



SAVIOUR. - Zion Marili.

The Israeli midfield play was often quite attractive, but the build-up into attack was generally too slow, except when Brailovsky was brought into the action. Eli Ohana was again Israel's dangerman, but he was off the mark with his finishing yesterday.

A crowd of only 5,000, including Belfast-born President Chaim Herzog, saw an entertaining, clean game refereed by Tullio Lanese.

In the first half, Eisenberg wasted a chance created by Ohana. Brailovsky and Malmilian both saw 25-metre piliers go just wide. The Irish too, missed a fine scoring chance when Penney lobbed over from close range when clean through the home defence.

Marili's equalizer came after Ian Stewart handled 20 metres out. The Irish wall and goalkeeper Hughes lined up ready for Malmilian's right-footed shot, when Marili caught everyone by surprise with his sizzling left-footer that landed in the corner of the Irish net, to send the home fans, the Israeli team, and Mihic home happy.

Israel's next international match is against West Germany on March 25 at Ramat Gan.

## BASKETBALL

## Maccabi full of confidence

By DON GOULD

TEL AVIV. - Assuming that no one pulls the plug, Israel Television will provide live coverage of Maccabi Tel Aviv's re-entry into the European Cup competition after a three week lay-off tonight at 9:30.

Maccabi face up to the current leaders in the table, Tracer Milano, in Italy, and with the visitors sporting a 4 win 3 loss record in the ten game competition, they still have hopes of making it to the finals.

Tracer were upset by Oriz of France on December 3, but have been unstoppable since then, leading the 57-79 thumping of Maccabi at Yad Elzohar on December 11. The current season record of being one of the finalists, but the

race for the other position is wide open. Maccabi's downfall when they met Tracer Milano at home, came early. The Italians jumped out to a 11 point lead and gave the game away. Maccabi never recovered. Tracer's Roberto Premier burned Maccabi with 31 points, and Bob MacAdams, who was under the weather at the time, nevertheless managed 23 points and looked dominating.

Maccabi arrived in Milan with the confidence that tonight they can turn the tide and pull off an all-important victory on Italian soil, something they have done only once before, in their last European Cup history. Maccabi still hope it to be there if they lose tonight, and even if they lose their final round game at Real Madrid on March 12 they still have a chance.

Coach Zvi Sherf indicated that he was optimistic about tonight's chances and felt his team is ready, but he agreed that all would not be lost if victory eludes his team tonight.

## NBA

NEW YORK (AP). - Thirteen proved to be a lucky number for the Washington Bullets.

That's how many consecutive games the Bullets had lost at the Forum in Inglewood, California, since January 1976, until they beat the Los Angeles Lakers 114-99 on Tuesday night.

Moses Malone scored 20 of his 27 points and grabbed 14 of his 19 rebounds in the second half as Washington won for the seventh time in their last nine games, ending a losing streak of 13 games.

The 34-year-old American, who had to retire during last Sunday's final against Australian star champion Stefan Edberg of Sweden after one game in the Atlantic division.

## SPORTOTO TIPS

By PAUL KOHN

Match	Line	Parimutuel
Mac. Yavne v. Bet. Jlm	2	X2
Mac. Haifa v. Shimon	1	1
Bnei Yehuda v. Bet. TA	1	1
Mac. PT v. Bet. Netanya	1	1
Mac. PT v. Haifa	1	1X
Mac. Netanya v. Mac. Jafa	1	1
Mac. TA v. Hap. Beersheva	1	1
Hap. TA v. Hap. K. Sava	2	1X2
Mac. Nahariya v. Bet. Shimon	2	2
Holon v. Hap. Hadera	1	1
Dimona v. Hap. Hadera	2	2
Marmorek v. Hap. Tel Aviv	2	2
Mac. Ramat v. Shimon	X	1X
Hap. Jafa v. Hap. Haifa	1	1X

falling badly early in the second set, now hopes to be able to play again in two weeks time.

Injury had also stricken Chris Evert-Lloyd. She returned to competitive competition for the first time on Tuesday night after a five month layoff with an easy 6-4, 6-2 victory over Elena Rensch of South Africa.

## WHAT'S ON

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**ISRAELI TV:**  
**CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES:**  
17.30 Macrom 1 - science fiction  
17.55 The Campbells - drama about a widower and his three children  
18.25 A Look at New Horizons  
**ARABIC-LANGUAGE programmes:**  
18.30 News roundup  
18.32 TV Magazine  
18.00 Weeding - current affairs  
19.30 News  
**HEBREW PROGRAMMES** resume at 20.00 with a news roundup  
20.02 Mania Shochat - documentary about her life and work  
20.50 Programme Trailer  
21.00 Mabat Newsreel  
21.30 Basketball - live broadcast from Milan of the match Milan v. Maccabi Tel Aviv  
23.06 First Among Equals. Part 7 of a 10-part drama about English parliamentary life  
23.08 Language Corner  
**JORDAN TV** (unofficial):  
17.30 Caricatures 18.00 French Hour 19.30 News in Hebrew 20.00 News in Arabic 20.30 Growing Pains 21.10 Ramington Steele 22.00 News in English 22.20 Feature film  
**MIDDLE EAST TV:**  
13.30 Another Life 14.00 700 Club 14.30 Shape Up 15.00 Afternoon Movie: The Thing 16.30 Heathcliff 17.00 Flying House 17.30 Muppets 18.00 The Jeffersons 18.30 Doc 19.00 News 20.00 Hardcastle & McCormick 21.00 Facts of Life 21.30 Newhart 22.00 Moonlighting 23.00 700 Club

## RADIO

**Voice of Music**  
6.02 Morning Melodies  
7.09 No details available  
9.00 "Morning Concerts" - no details available  
12.00 Yuval Trio - Works by Beethoven  
13.05 Haydn: Symphony No. 84, "Surprise" (Berlin/Richter); Molik: Concerto for Oboe and Orchestra (Holliger); Mendelssohn: 4 Pieces for String Quartet Op. 81 (Gabrieli); Brahms: Serenade No. 1 (Berlin/Abbeduto)  
15.00 Encounters  
16.00 Gila Yaros, soprano, Eli Hefetz, clarinet, Idit Zvi, piano - Spohr: 6 German Songs for Soprano, Clarinet and Piano; Poulenc: 7 Songs; Britten: 4 Cabaret Songs  
18.00 Music Anthology  
19.00 Light Classical Music  
20.05 Musical Medley  
20.30 Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra under David Shalom - Debussy: "L'apres midi du Faune"; Stravinsky: Wind Instrument Symphonies; Mahler: "Das Lied von der Erde"  
23.00 "Golden Generation" - Alfred Cortot, piano - Schumann: Dichterliebe; Schubert: Piano Trio (with Tibaud and Cassis)

## First Programme

6.03 Programmes for Olim  
7.30 Programme in Easy Hebrew  
8.05 Compas - with Benny Hendel  
9.05 Information for Listeners  
10.05 Hebrew songs  
11.10 School Broadcasts  
11.30 Folksongs  
12.05 Oriental songs  
13.00 News in English  
13.30 News in French  
14.05 Children's programmes  
15.30 Education for all  
16.05 An Unknown Land  
17.20 Everyman's University  
18.05 Jewish Traditions  
18.50 Bible Reading  
19.05 Lesson in Tanit  
19.30 Programmes for Olim  
22.05 Have a Dream

## Second Programme

6.12 Gymnastics  
6.30 Editorial Review  
6.53 Green Light - drivers' corner  
7.00 This Morning - news magazine  
8.05 Making an issue  
9.05 House Call - with Rivka Michaeli  
10.05 All Shades of the Network - morning magazine  
11.30 Safe Journey  
12.10 O.K. on Two  
13.00 Midday - news commentary, music  
14.00 Humour  
15.05 Magic Moments  
16.05 Songs and Homework  
17.05 Economics Magazine  
18.05 Hebrew songs  
9.05 In the Morning - with Ori Yaniv  
19.05 Today - radio newsworld  
19.35 This Week in the Knesset  
20.05 Roots - folklore magazine  
21.18 Hebrew songs  
21.30 Basketball - live broadcast from Milan between Maccabi Tel Aviv and Milan

## Army

6.05 University on the Air  
6.30 Open Your Eyes - songs, information  
7.07 "707" - with Alex Ansky  
8.05 Good Morning Israel  
9.05 In the Morning - with Eli Yisraeli  
10.05 Coffee Break  
11.05 Right Now - with Yossi Abdeli  
13.05 Daily Meeting - with Ori Yaniv  
15.05 What's Doing - with Erez Tal  
16.05 Four in the Afternoon  
17.00 Evening Newsworld  
18.05 Economics Magazine  
19.05 Hebrew songs  
20.05 Army and Defence Magazine (repeat)  
21.00 Mabat - TV newsworld  
21.30 University on the Air  
22.05 Popular songs  
23.05 The 24th Hour  
00.05 Night Birds - songs, chat

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# Kibbutz life

THERE AND THEN  
-Sraya Shapiro

BACK HOME after two years in the U.S. where he represented Kibbutz industries, Ben Shafir maintains that the American market could be profitable "and quite vast" on condition that "we make goods which the Americans want to buy. It is hopeless, he says, to expect the Americans to acquire anything just because we happen to produce it. But if you apply your grey matter, your Yiddish kopf, to manufacture what the customers like - you'll have little difficulty in selling it." Before going to America, Ben managed the Nahal Oz workshop but now he has been shifted to agriculture. Kibbutzim don't believe in specialization.

Slightly over 50, his short-trimmed moustache greying, it is hard to recognize in Ben the little boy who greeted us when we came to live in the same house where Ben's parents had dwelt. He had an older sister, and it was ascribed to them that they once buried a five-piastre coin in the ground and irrigated it faithfully, only to be dismayed that no tree sprouted from the soil. The story, which might be apocryphal, was vividly told by Lea Goldberg in her classic book of children's stories, *My Friends from Arnon Street*.

Dr. Erwin Fischer, his father, was a quiet man who went for a daily dip in the sea. He was the director of the chemical laboratory of the municipal hospital as well as deputy director of the forensic institute. He was reputed to be a German though he was in fact born in Guatemala. But he did study in Germany where he met his future wife, a Berliner. Their children were born here.

They went to the Labour values school named after A.D. Gordon, and joined the Meuhedet youth movement when at secondary school. "One of my instructors was a young kibbutznik from Hamadia - Ari Rath was his name. No, I have never encountered him since."

While still doing his military service Ben joined Nahal Oz, the first out-post established by a Nahal group.

NAHAL OZ was set up near the demarcation line along the Gaza Strip. It was one of several settlements along the Strip whose task it was to stem, if possible, the fedayeen whom the Egyptian military rulers of Gaza were sending, almost nightly, to kill and steal in Israel. Nahal Oz became a legend.

It was following tradition, really: the kibbutz as an outpost of Jewish resettlement of Palestine. For this, the Zionist movement owes an undecidable debt to the boys and girls who braved the elements, hunger and the dangers to maintain a *de facto* grip on the Promised Land.

One had to see them then in their dismal surroundings. In Ein Harod, so many years ago, there were half a dozen black wooden huts arising out of barren land when Herzliya school



Nahal Oz in the early 1950s.

(David Rubinger)

pupils were taken there on an excursion. Very few young men were around to greet the visitors: the majority were at work, only the sick and the malaria-stricken remained at home. A young man in coloured neckerchief strolled around as if in a dream - I believe I recognized him many years later as Yehuda Gabbai, the actor. One had nothing but admiration for one's schoolmates who formed a nucleus intent on kibbutz life, and one felt more than a little ashamed in staying out.

The kibbutznik of yore was generally a dreamer, a desperately impractical intellectual who collapsed wielding a spade. A cow was revered like a princess, the symbol of the return to agriculture. But, in addition to physical exertion and enduring undernourishment there was the unrelenting presence of the collective, the supremacy of the general assembly. Not everybody could accept it for any length of time, many left in spite of the moral dilemma of leaving one's comrades to sustain the effort. A few despaired and took their lives. There were no psychologists around to keep the ideals afloat, only visiting political speakers.

THERE IS not a trace of these growing pains in Ben Shafir. He walks erect, sure of himself and of his way of life. Managing a kibbutz is like controlling any big enterprise. It requires know-how, experience, determination - a lot of grey matter, a Yiddish kopf.

Life is pleasant on a well-run kibbutz, "people come to give lectures on matters that few ordinary citizens in town can hear." There is a cinema around the corner, and theatrical companies come to perform for the whole region - "taking a car for the performance is nothing." The handicraft seems to be the national and social stress involved in living on the brink of danger.

One cannot deny that the kibbutz was the nursery of the organized corporate will which made the state-in-the-making possible. One does not seem to discern this task performed today by other than kibbutz-like groups. Or is it?

## MUSIC REVIEW Success

ISRAELI PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA - Mendi Roden conducting with Jeffrey Kahane, pianist (Masa Auditorium, Tel Aviv, February 17). Zvi Avni: Metamorphoses on a Choral by Bach; Bartok: Concerto No. 3 for Piano and Orchestra; Tchaikovsky: "Mandred" symphony in four scenes, Op. 58.

WITH TCHAIKOVSKY'S "Mandred" symphony being what it is, a really bad piece of music and Kahane's rendition of the Bartok concerto providing not very much more than accurate playing, Avni's Metamorphoses assumed the central and most important position in the programme.

In this work Avni reached a new and much more profound stage in his compositional development. He successfully blended a highly personal, orientally-flavoured melodic expression with fragments of Bach's chorale. He also succeeded in writing an extended, continuous and coherent symphonic movement which shows a masterly command of orchestral scoring.

Bach's chorale, both in its melodic and harmonic dimensions, seems to have released in Avni a flow of inspired and genuinely interesting ideas. The piece starts slowly with melodic statements which gradually create a denser and denser accumulation of voices until a great climax is reached with the chorale now appearing majestically in the brass, beautifully surrounded by orchestral embroidery. A short meditative epilogue concludes the work.

Listening to the Metamorphoses is a deeply satisfying spiritual experience, but in performance the work does not yet seem to have reached a sufficiently exhaustive stage.

BENJAMIN BAR-AM

ONE HUNDRED years ago this month, a rancher named Harvey Wilcox, who had helped his fellow prohibitionists outlaw the demon rum in his native Kansas before moving west, filed a tract map for a subdivision with the Los Angeles County recorder.

On a whim, Wilcox's wife Dacia decided to borrow the name of a friend's summer home for the new community. The home, her friend said, was called "Hollywood."

As a somewhat bedraggled and fading glamour girl, largely deserted by the studios that made her famous, Hollywood is celebrating its centennial year with block parties and concerts, an old-fashioned searchlight world premiere, fireworks, the world's biggest street dance, and the promise to put a new coat of makeup on the pockmarked civic face.

But like most elderly thespians, Hollywood is mainly recalling the triumphs of the past, when all the world was entranced by her charms. She has much to remember.

For the first 13 years of its existence, Hollywood followed the path charted by founder Wilcox, who envisioned a sober, God-fearing community of small farms, orchards and shops.

In 1903, Hollywood incorporated as a city and the new trustees, in one of their first acts, banned all liquor sales except by medical prescription, and also glue factories, slaughterhouses and oil wells for good measure.

In 1910, the trustees decided to annex themselves to the City of Los Angeles, attracted by their large neighbour's splendid sewage and water systems.

The same year the first snake crept into the puritan paradise. The Nestor Film Co. rented an abandoned

## Hollywood centenary An old troupier

Tom Tugend / Los Angeles

tavern for \$30 a month and set up the first studio, to be followed within months by 14 other companies.

Hollywood's old guard fought back by snubbing the invading "troupe of scalawags" and by forbidding any movie houses in the future film capital of the world. But the battle was clearly lost.

THE MEN who turned the tide could hardly have been imagined in the nightmares of Hollywood's pious Midwestern Protestant pioneers. They bore names like Laemmle, Goldwyn (Goldfish), Zukor, Fox (Friedman) and Mayer - all Jewish immigrants from Central and Eastern Europe - and they established the great studios that were to rule the movie industry for four decades.

During their heydays, these moguls and their hired hands shaped, for better or for worse, the face that America presented to the world and imprinted their fads, fashions and morals on shopgirls in the remotest hamlets. Although only about half of the major studios were located in Hollywood proper, the name became synonymous with the film industry.

In 1921, only 11 years after the Nestor Film Co. had arrived on the scene, Hollywood released 854 feature films, a one-year record that still stands.

Here are a few other highlights in the Hollywood saga, of historical import or otherwise.

• 1928 - Hollywood's most enduring and arguably most famous citizen, Mickey Mouse, is born at the Walt Disney Studio.

• 1935 - Technicolor for feature films arrives in *Becky Sharp*. A critic notes that the actors look like "boiled salmon dipped in mayonnaise."

• 1937 - Studio boss Louis B. Mayer, born in Minsk, a labourer's son, is the highest paid man in America, earning \$1,296,000.

• 1939 - David O. Selznick is fined \$5,000 for the use of a four-letter word in *Gone With the Wind*. The shocking expletive is "damn," as in "Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn." The word is not heard again on the screen until 1954 with the release of *On the Waterfront*.

• 1942 - The industry goes super-patriotic and the likes of Marlene Dietrich, Betty Grable and Rita Hayworth raise soldiers' morale by waiting on tables at the Hollywood Canteen.

• 1947 - The Congressional House Committee on Un-American Activities investigates the "loyalty" of actors, directors and writers. Ten are found guilty of contempt and are sent to jail.

• 1964 - An actor named Ronald

Reagan makes his last movie before entering politics full time. *The Killers*, originally made for TV, is considered too violent and is shown in theatres instead.

• 1975 - *Jaws* becomes the first film to earn more than \$100 million.

IN THE years following World War II, Hollywood changed. By the 1960s, while respectable citizens retreated to their Mediterranean-style apartment houses, the once glitzy Hollywood Boulevard was taken over by hookers of both sexes, run-aways, drug pushers and con men. In the early '80s, an imaginative newspaperman described the street as "a twilight zone for people living on edge, a battle ground for gangs."

Reeling under the impact of television and a new breed of independent producers, the major studios lost their vast powers and moved north into the San Fernando Valley. Today, only Paramount Pictures remains in its old home and even proud Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, which once boasted of "more stars than there are in heaven," was all but dismantled last year.

The old immigrant studio bosses have been replaced by astute corporate lawyers and financiers, though Hollywoodese, which has been described as "techno-Yiddish blurbology," is still the spoken language of the land.

There remains the other Hollywood, the 14.5 square-mile community of 200,000 residents, and it is now trying to pick itself up.

Like an old troupier, Hollywood faces its second century a bit worse for wear but with pride in the past and the hope that with the right breaks and a facelift, it will recapture some of the old glory.

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## Letter from London INSIDER'S ENGLAND DAVID HOROVITZ

BURLY, BEARDED and black-haired, James Anderton bears more than a passing resemblance to his fellow newsmaker Terry Waite. But while Waite works under the auspices of the Church of England, Anderton sounds increasingly like a man who has missed his vocation.

His recent pronouncements on depravity, morality and criminality, combined with his appearance, have led to his being nicknamed Britain's modern-day prophet of doom. But James Anderton is not a clergyman, not yet at least.

He's a policeman. The £40,000-a-year chief constable, in fact, of Greater Manchester.

Anderton believes that God may be using him to speak out on moral issues: the chairman of Manchester's police authority believes that Anderton should get himself another job.

In the past few months Anderton has repeatedly made headlines with his doom-laden proclamations, while failing to stop the rising tide of crime in his area.

**SPEAKING OUT** on Aids, Anderton said that the disease's spread "is being hastened and facilitated in my opinion by our increasing degenerate conduct as a human race. I see more and more evidence of increasing numbers of people swirling around in a human cesspit of their own making."

In another memorable speech, Anderton described criminals as "wretched offenders, who take the fullest advantage of every meek response to their abominable conduct." "Villains," he said, "should be arrested, convicted and placed in penal work camps where, through hard labour and unrelenting discipline, they should be made to sweat until they have never sweated before."

Asked if God was calling him to be a prophet, Anderton said last week that "God works in mysterious ways. Given my love of God and my belief in God and in Jesus Christ, I have to

## Prophet of doom

accept that I may well be used by God in this way."

Regarding his outburst on Aids, Anderton said the speech "just flooded into my mind. I couldn't qualify (the words). I couldn't change them. I had to say what I was compelled to say."

Matters recently came to a head, when Anderton was summoned to the Home Office and urged by Minister Douglas Hurd to settle his differences with the police authority that has been calling for his ouster.

Hurd stood by the police chief, however, saying that he had "a high regard for James Anderton, both as a chief constable and as a man."

Premier Thatcher, too, has indicated support, albeit more obliquely. In a radio interview, she praised those who had pointed out the "moral dimension" to the Aids epidemic. "Some people have made their position very, very clear," she said. "Thank goodness they have."

ANDERTON is the son of a Wigan colliery worker, brought up in a working-class home steeped in Methodist tradition.

A former Methodist lay preacher, he is now converting to Roman Catholicism, prays twice a day, and carries a Bible with him everywhere.

He was appointed Manchester chief constable in 1976, after a meteoric career. The appointment made him the country's youngest chief constable - he was 44 - commanding the largest force in England outside London.

Hurd's public support has, for the moment, silenced those groups calling for his dismissal. But Anderton is unlikely to stay quiet for long, and his next prophetic declarations are bound to be met with further demands for his removal.

Under the 1964 Police Act, a chief constable can be fired only if there is clear evidence of misconduct or if there is a danger to the efficiency of his force.

While there is no suggestion of misconduct, the Manchester force is said to be rife with infighting and declining morale. While crime rates rise, detection rates are falling.

It is these factors, not to Anderton's controversial speeches, that Minister Hurd's attention will be drawn next time Anderton's future is discussed.



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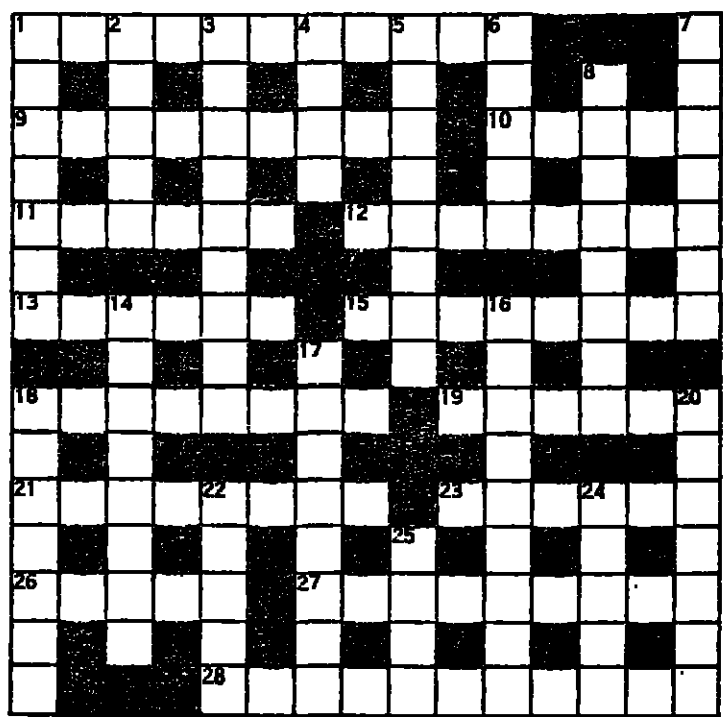
**11** Weaver who can move in one direction only? (6)

**12** A doctor ordered fresh air, so, and very best food (8)

**13** Dulcise bad in geometry (6)

**15** No fast food, this! (8)

**18** Moon dies away and masks appear (8)



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8 Tidings	4 Companion
10 Inlaid rum	5 Warble
11 Offshoot	6 Spice
13 Oil-yielding plant	7 Dumbfounded
14 Cloth-maker on loom	8 Experienced, having made journeys
15 Frisno	11 Fish
17 Grow-ups	12 Very poor
19 Yellowish brown	13 List of charges
26 Instrument of torture	16 Power-driven boat
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## MARKET PLACE

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## Ostrowicz at bay

For the second time this week, this column focuses on the petrochemical industries in Haifa Bay. Our earlier criticism of the amazing suggestion to grant the industrial heartland of the country the status of a development zone A drew a spirited response from Joel Ostrowicz, the Polish-born South American who is founder and owner of Israel Petrochemical Enterprises. His side of the story is as relevant to the average citizen as the Treasury's attempt to squish the nonsensical plan to equate Haifa with Kiryat Shmona.

To understand what is happening, here is a brief background: The state-owned Oil Refineries Ltd. import crude oil and produce ethylene, which is bought by Israel Petrochemicals and turned into polymers such as polyvinyl chloride, which are sold on to the plastics industry, notably to 160-odd kibbutz industries. The refineries are a chronic loss-maker. Israel Petrochemicals has been consistently profitable and the plastics industry is a notable Israeli success story.

Everyone agrees the Refineries should expand its output and could become more profitable. The company complained for years that its losses stemmed not from refining crude oil into benzene, diesel fuel and so forth, but from the ethylene plant. Israel Petrochemicals said the Refineries didn't know how to run the plant and that increased production could help them both.

In 1985 Israel Petrochemicals offered to lease the ethylene plant for \$1 a year. Ostrowicz boasted he would invest in the needed expansion and show the Refineries how things should be done. Energy Minister Moshe Shalev was briefly tempted, but then rejected that proposal, as well as the more radical suggestion of selling off the Oil Refineries entirely. Ostrowicz was "persuaded" to agree to a joint venture that would expand the ethylene plant, and this project — Carmel Olefin — was the one that sought zone A status. The argument between the Treasury and the Energy and Industry ministries rumbled on until Gad Ya'acobi produced the compromise of zone B status.

In practical terms, this means that of the \$105 million investment necessary, the government will contribute \$22m. Instead of the \$50m. possible under zone A rules and only \$4m. under the existing zone C status. A happy compromise? No, it leaves everyone dissatisfied.

Ostrowicz's preferences are straightforward: He wants to invest money, but only if he can get the reasonable rate of a 10 per cent return on equity. If he is allowed to run his own operation, he is sure he can achieve this. If he has to be a partner with the state-owned Oil Refineries, his enthusiasm wanes, and his 10 per cent target becomes impossible to achieve — according to his calculations — so that the government must provide \$40m.-\$50m. of the \$105m. needed. How does he do that? He is not his concern, and he can afford to ignore the knock-on effects on other industries and geographical areas from a bureaucratic decision to give Haifa Bay zone A status.

The Treasury, however, cannot — and nor can any concerned Israeli taxpayer. For even though one is confident that Ostrowicz can make Carmel Olefin a successful outfit, creating profits, jobs and exports, there will be plenty of others taking advantage of the precedent, with the inevitable result that huge sums will be wasted.

Ostrowicz personally is unfortunate, in that his conscience dictates to him to seek to invest in Israel, while his intentions are thwarted by political intrigue and bureaucratic bumbling. This classic story of Israeli stupidity is thus moving to its disastrous denouement, with Ostrowicz pulling out of the whole scheme, nothing being built, and Oil Refineries continuing to be a subsidized money-loser.

The obvious solution is for the hypocritical ministers, including Shalev, Ya'acobi, Ariel Sharon and the others to actually make a move toward the privatization and reduced government involvement that they talk about so much. They should sell the Oil Refineries, be it to Ostrowicz, or anyone else who has the money and know-how to run it, or give some convincing reason not to. Mumbling about "security reasons" won't wash any more, when a single Syrian missile could take out the Refineries for the duration of any war.

At the least they could lease the ethylene plant to Israel Petrochemicals and let Ostrowicz take his own risks, making good on his claim to be an investor and entrepreneur. Instead they forced him to join the queue of beggars at the Treasury, and then slammed the door in his face. Even real beggars balk at that treatment — and Ostrowicz is rather far from that. The only ray of light in the whole episode would be if the government learned any lessons from it — and that is highly unlikely.

## Prices raised 3-10% on range of goods

By AVI TEMKIN

Post Economic Reports: Industry Minister Ariel Sharon yesterday approved a large round of price hikes of between 3 and 10 per cent, while lifting price controls from other goods. The measures all take effect today.

Earlier in the day, the minister attacked the Histadrut, accusing the labour federation of not doing enough to stop inflation.

The prices of electric appliances will go up 4 to 10 per cent, corn oil and other preserved food by 4 to 7 per cent, chocolate rental fees by 7 per cent, chocolate and candies 5 to 8 per cent and beef by 8 per cent. The price of coffee, however, was reduced by 2 per cent reflecting lower world prices.

The hikes are expected to add an additional 0.4 percentage points to the consumer price index.

A spokesman for the Industry Ministry said yesterday that the

hikes stemmed from the higher costs brought about by the 10 per cent devaluation of the shekel last month. It was the second round of price increases in just two weeks.

Sharon also approved the lifting price controls from a number of goods — including meat grinders, hair dryers, vacuum cleaners, food processors, clothing and footwear, and olive oil. The Industry and Trade Ministry announced, however, that it was reimposing controls over printing services and magazines, which had experienced what it regarded as excessive price increases after they were freed of controls.

In a radio interview yesterday, Sharon said he was afraid "the inflation genie was out of the bottle" and blamed the Histadrut for not doing everything possible to prevent this.

He contended that the union had become less cooperative since Yitzhak Shamir became prime minister.

## REAGAN

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quires direct bilateral negotiations. Any reasonable means, including an international conference, should be considered, but the U.S. remains ready to be an active partner in any serious peace effort.

Shamir, who spoke after Reagan, did not publicly restate his opposition to an international conference. But during his meeting with the Israeli press, he said that he had made clear his firm opposition to the president. "They know where I and those whom I represent stand," he said.

In response to questions, Shamir sidestepped the public rift in Israel over the issue, although he acknowledged that Foreign Minister Peres and others associated with him were prepared to consider an international conference.

At a White House briefing, a senior administration official told reporters that there was currently "a partial set of understandings" between Israel, Jordan and Egypt on the question of reviving the peace process. He said an international conference would be acceptable to the U.S., but only under two conditions: it could not "veto agreements reached between the parties" and it could not "impose its will upon the parties."

That stance is similar to Peres's position, but clearly at odds with Shamir's. The prime minister insisted that he had told Shultz that Israel would accept only one international conference — involving Israel, Jordan, Egypt and the U.S. and premised on the Camp David accords. "That's an international conference, too," he said.

The senior U.S. official, who asked not to be identified by name, insisted that the U.S. and Israel shared the same overall goals even though there were differences in reaching those goals.

"I do not believe there is a serious conflict, a serious split between us and Israel on this issue," he said. "Our goal is identical, which is a general settlement. The vehicle to get to that goal is direct negotiations, and we will explore any possible way of getting to those direct negotiations, including a conference."

As expected, Reagan, in his formal remarks, announced that the U.S. was extending major non-Nato status to Israel and a few other countries "for purposes of cooperation in certain aspects of military research and development." Shamir, who hailed this announcement, said that the exact details remained to be worked out.

Shamir, who later in the day met with members of the Senate and House of Representatives, said that Israel was prepared to cooperate in their investigation of the Iran arms affair, but only in "a government-to-government exchange" and only "in writing." He flatly said that Israel was not going to allow any of its officials involved in the affair to be questioned by U.S. investigators.

Shamir also refused to say whether Israel was continuing to sell non-U.S.-made military equipment to Iran. "We never discuss our arms sales," he said. "It's very complicated."

The senior U.S. official said the U.S. wanted all countries in the world to stop arms sales to Iran, including Israel. He said that the U.S. hoped that Israel would cooperate in the various U.S. investigations into the Iran arms affair.

"We urged the Israelis to cooperate," he said. "And they have said they're going to cooperate. So just how the cooperation will be worked out, that's continuing to evolve."

Shamir expressed his opposition to additional U.S. arms sales to Arab states even as Reagan and Shultz sought to justify some sales.

The senior U.S. official said the U.S. took the occasion of Shamir's visit to "refer to our interests in supporting our friends, moderate Arabs, in the region, and that includes being in a position to help them meet their security needs. That

was discussed." But he declined to provide details of what arms the U.S. wanted to sell.

The senior U.S. official said that the matter of Israel's relationship with South Africa was discussed. "As you know," he said, "there's going to be...an administration report to the Congress in the next several weeks.... We're getting the necessary information together on that, for that report, and we'll be fully complying with the requirements of the Congress."

Shamir last night was to address an Israel Bonds dinner at the Capitol Hilton. Today, he meets with Defence Secretary Weinberger at the Pentagon before addressing the National Press Club at a luncheon. On Friday, he flies to Los Angeles for the weekend.

## IBM drops dealer for selling 'clones'

By DORON PELY

Citing contract violations, IBM Israel said it would sever ties with one of its 10 Israeli dealers. Malal Computers, as of May 1.

Industry sources, who asked not to be named, said IBM decided to discontinue relations with Malal when it discovered that the dealer was turning clients away from IBM equipment because compatibles were more profitable.

Malal markets original IBM computers as well as compatibles known as "IBM clones." Compatibles retail for half the price of IBM computers.

IBM microcomputer sales in Israel have plummeted in the last two years, following a flood of low-cost compatibles from the Far East, the U.S., and Western Europe.

Amiram Shore, Malal's general manager, said IBM was angered and frustrated by his company's success in selling IBM clones at a time when IBM microcomputer sales were at an all-time low. "I think IBM was forced to sever connections with us under pressure from other dealers who claimed they couldn't compete with Malal," said Shore.

IBM claims some clones sold in Israel contain parts and programs stolen from IBM, in violation of copyright laws. Malal denies using such components.

"Malal is misleading the public by promising continuing sales and service of IBM computers [past May 1]. Buyers of our products through unauthorized outlets will not receive IBM warranties," said IBM spokesman Yossi Shoval.

IBM's move against Malal is the latest step in a worldwide battle against clone sales. IBM lawyers have warned clone dealers and manufacturers that the company will sue for copyright violations. IBM has won several such lawsuits in Britain and the U.S.

## Court asked to prod gov't on car prices

By JONATHAN KARP

The nation's car importers returned to the High Court of Justice yesterday in a bid to force the Transport and Finance ministries to quickly devise a new price list for small cars.

Their application said that following last week's High Court proposal giving the government two weeks to look into the importers' claims of losses, the importers had expected officials to approve higher price increases than the government had originally offered. With five days left before the findings must be presented, the importers argue that the government has not seriously investigated their claims.

"The reality slapped the [importers] in the face and convinced them that [the Transport and Finance ministries] continue to act insincerely and that they have no intention to fairly and honestly examine their claims or to answer them," the application to the court stated.

But Uri Rond, who is in charge of analyzing the material supplied by the importers to back up their price hike demands, denied these charges. He said that only yesterday he had received new information that may shed light on the importers' true financial condition.

The question of car imports came up in another context yesterday as Transport Minister Haim Corfu warned the Knesset Economics Committee that the government might have to consider restricting new-car imports unless more money was invested in roads.

The existing road network could not absorb more cars, Corfu said, adding that the number of new cars allowed on the roads each year might have to be limited to that which go out of service. He called for an infrastructure investment of \$90 million per year for the next five years.

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Arrangement	106.29 -0.14%	Non-bank	NIS 24,454,800	Dollar-linked:	17.90		17.90
Insurance	130.84 +1.55%	Bonds — total	NIS 7,186,200	Admon	17.90	Generally falls to 2%	17.90
Commerce, Services	137.81 +0.32%	Index-linked	NIS 5,890,200	Rimon	17.90	Mixed between 1-2%	17.90
Real Estate	135.66 +0.95%	Dollar-linked	NIS 1,306,000	Gilboa	17.90	Rises to 1%	17.90
Industrials	144.18 +1.74%	Treasury Bills	NIS 10,322,900	For Govt. denominated	17.90	Stable/rises slightly	17.90
Textiles	134.29 +1.14%	Share Movements:		Treasury Bills	17.90		17.90
Metals	132.22 +1.43%	Advances	30 (58) (216)	(annual yield)	27.90-32.50%		17.90
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Industrial Invest.	166.18 +1.35%	Declines	109 (8)				17.90
Investment Cos.	166.03 +0.16%	of which 5% +	17 (6)				17.90
General Bond Index	109.86 -0.35%	"sellers only"	2 (10)				17.90
Index-linked Bonds	110.68 -0.44%	Unchanged	12 (120)				17.90
Fully-linked	111.64 -0.30%	Trading Halt	26 (20)				17.90
Partially-linked	108.92 +0.14%	Bond Market Trends:					17.90
Dollar-linked Bonds	103.41 +0.06%	Index-linked:					17.90
Short-term 0-2 yrs	107.81 +0.09%	3% fully-linked					17.90
Medium-term 2-5 yrs	109.00 -0.40%	Generally mixed to 1%					17.90
Long-term 5+ yrs	111.09 -0.42%						17.90

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Martinez	1948	426	-0.1	Supernol 2	12000	2168	+2.0
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First Int'l	4900	4150	+2.5	Lighterage	19900	43	-
FBI	6500	4568	+4.8	Cold Storage	1100	2888	-
<b>Commercial Banks</b>				Dan Hotels	1860	833	-
(part of "arrangement")				Yarden Hotel	2899	270	-0.4
IDB	88740	1258	-0.1	Hilton 1	no trading	6193	-4.2
Union 0.1	66050	185	-	Team 1	1025	6183	-
Discount	113280	341	-0.1	<b>Real Estate, Building and Agriculture</b>			
Mizrahi	36540	944	-	Azoria	1130	24784	+2.3
Hapoalim r	90280	3704	-0.0	Elion	545	24283	-
General r	164150	67	-	Afrasia Isr. 0.1	53810	305	+0.8
Leumi 0.1	38305	4436	-0.1	Dankner	6220	1504	+6.0
Fin. Trade	51100	2	+0.3	Prop. & Bldg.	5470	3422	+3.6
<b>Mortgage Banks</b>				Bayside 0.1	7330	1340	-
Leumi Mort. r	10880	270	-0.5	ILDC r	85000	449	+1.3
Dev. Mort.	4520	214	+0.5	Rasoco r	no trading		
Mishkan r	4910	3556	+2.6	Mehadrin	8350	1062	-4.0
Tefahot r	23651	476	+8.2	Hadarim	2240	8770	+0.6
Merav r	9100	342	-	<b>Industrials</b>			
<b>Financial Institutions</b>				Dubek b	6510	982	-
Ind. Dev. Dco	no trading			Pr-Zet 1	no trading		
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Phoenix 0.1	1169	8912	-	Delta G 1	4501	1073	+2.8
Hemishmar	7485	105	-1.0	Maquet 1	4700	639	-
Memorah 1	2750	232	+4.7	Eagle 1	25600	262	-7.2
Sahar r	7580	1851	+4.7	Polgat	4770	723	-
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French Franc	1	0.2647	0.2680	0.25	0.27	0.2655
Japanese Yen	100	1.0421	1.0551	1.02	1.06	1.0494
Dutch Florin	1	0.7808	0.7906	0.77	0.80	0.7830
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Norwegian Krone	1	0.2283	0.2322	0.22	0.23	0.2312
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Finnish Mark	1	0.3530	0.3575	0.34	0.36	0.3550
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## Mockery of itself

IN the history of cabinet formation in Israel, the Ministry of Justice, including the post of Attorney General, was always handled with respect. Despite the pressures for distributing portfolios in a manner designed to satisfy coalition and party needs, the responsibilities of administering the state's legal powers were delivered into the hands of prestigious professionals.

Under the national unity government those norms have been brutally jettisoned. First the post of Justice Minister was added to the list of jobs that could be subject solely to considerations of solving coalition and personal problems. When Mr. Modai was compelled to evacuate the Treasury he was compensated with Justice. When he propelled himself out of that position as well, it was given over, as a second job, to the Tourism Minister.

Even as the Ministry suffered under these blows, a distinguished Attorney General, who dared buck the combined unwisdom of Labour and the Likud on the Shin Bet affair was hustled out of office, to be replaced by a relatively unknown judge who could be expected to do his masters' bidding.

The public criticism prompted by these changes and the demoralization caused the ministry's professional staff have not, however, deterred the immunity systems of the captains of government. For, to add insult to injury, it now emerges that Mr. Shamir is intent on bringing Mr. Modai back to the Justice portfolio as a condition for agreeing to the appointment of Labour's Gad Ya'acobi as ambassador to Washington.

That Mr. Modai is remarkably unsuited to preside over this sensitive responsibility is no matter. The highest priority is to satisfy Mr. Modai's demand for office.

With but few exceptions, the national unity government has turned into a parking place for restive politicians instead of a collective agency of cohesive and serious governing.

That would not necessarily be disastrous if the executive branch were in practice directed by a cadre of top career civil servants. Unfortunately, the civil service too has become hijacked by the political job placement mania. But in any case, Israel's system is traditionally too dependent upon cabinet authority to permit such a compensatory civil service mechanism.

As a result, the citizenry is left with the spectacle of a government that increasingly fulfills the vilest image of politics and politicians.

Instead of providing models of responsible leadership and devotion to the public weal, the cabinet displays the values of an outdoor market.

The ministers, therefore, have no reason to feel or feign surprise when the citizenry, in the form of frustrated doctors, nurses, teachers, or other organized groups, lose confidence in their leadership and direct the very same norms of coercive bargaining and opportunism at them.

They reap what they have sown, and we all pay the price.

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Asked whether he had actually spoken to any camp survivors, Arad said that a woman survivor had worked at Yad Vashem until two years ago. "I think I interviewed her." This answer seemed to pull O'Connor up short.

An important exchange took place when the defence counsel asked Arad whether it was true that a Ukrainian guard had to go back to the Trawniki SS-training camp before any new posting.

Arad replied that he had no research on Trawniki and didn't know whether every new position had to be registered there. But he said later that, based on his own army experience (he is a brigadier general in the reserves), a move might be okayed by telephone. "You are confused on this point," O'Connor said.

In the afternoon session O'Connor asked Arad why on page 134 of his book he had mentioned John Demjanjuk, implying that he was Ivan the Terrible.

Arad replied that he had done so on the basis of the Cleveland trial at which Demjanjuk's U.S. citizenship was revoked.

"Did you know that the U.S. court never had a criminal charge against my client? And did you read the court records?" O'Connor asked.

"What the U.S. court did was good enough for me," replied Arad.

During a later exchange, O'Connor produced the map of Treblinka from Gitta Sereny's book *Into that Darkness*, the same map used in the West German trials. "I do not endorse all the facts in her book," O'Connor said of the British author, who was in the audience.

The book, which is based on lengthy interviews with Treblinka commander Franz Stangl in a Duesseldorf jail, is considered the classic on the subject. (It is available in paperback from Vintage in New York and Picador in London.)

The purpose of much of O'Connor's questioning continued to remain obscure to the audience. There was some surprise, however, when he elicited the information from

Arad that the tank engines the two Ukrainians - Ivan the Terrible and Nikolai - operated to produce the deadly exhaust gases, also produced electricity for the camp.

There was further questioning - about the August 1943 revolt, about SS-men Ernst Grossman and Herbert Floss, and about the two camp orchestras.

At one stage there was a sharp outburst by Justice Levin, who cautioned O'Connor not to turn his back to the bench and address the audience. "This type of conduct is not acceptable here," he said. The defence counsel apologized.

The courtroom at Jerusalem's Binyanei Ha'uma was full to overflowing yesterday, except for the first hour. During the afternoon Justice Minister Avraham Shari put in a 15-minute appearance.

O'Connor had the historian circle in red and number various buildings on the photo blow-ups - the commander's quarters, the *tiergarten* (little zoo), the barracks of the Ukrainian guards, the shed where incoming prisoners undressed and had their hair cut.

The defence attorney's strategy became clearer when he asked Arad why the section where prisoners were received was called the Lower Camp, while that with the gas chambers was called the Upper Camp.

Arad said that this was what he had learned in the course of his research, and that he had seen the slight upgrade towards the death section when he visited the camp site some years ago.

"Although nothing remains of the original camp and the site is now a memorial, I could identify the gradient according to the compass directions," Arad said.

The significance of the facts is likely to become sharper later when prosecution witnesses from the lower camp may testify about what they saw in the upper camp, where Ivan the Terrible was at work. O'Connor kept driving at "the observability between the two camp sections."

## PERES AIDES

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The conference would not be allowed to impose a settlement, nor could it overturn the agreement reached in any bilateral talks, he said.

Asher Wolfish Adds: The National Religious Party doyen and former cabinet minister, Yosef Burg yesterday pool-poohed the idea of early elections in general,

Shamir's readiness for them in particular, over the possibility of the international conference.

Commenting to *The Jerusalem Post* on Shamir's statement in Washington that he would go to the nation, if need be, Burg said: "There is no point in getting worked up about an egg which has not yet been laid, even if it does smell."

# The Jewish Agency's tall order for survival

Ra'anah Weitz

THE JEWISH Agency and its *modus operandi* have been widely criticized in Israel recently, and Israel Television has even deemed it necessary to devote a special programme to it. To my disappointment, the TV discussion focused on issues which - important as they may be - are marginal to the main issue, namely the role and structure of the Agency and its future.

The discussion centred in a comparison between the Agency and the government showing that they are afflicted with the same maladies: leaders and senior officials developing too strong a penchant for travel abroad; use of public resources for needs not quite public; inefficiency and unclear definitions of targets; low work-ethics; pursuing side occupations during work hours; and above all, the feudal-baronial behaviour of officials appointed by the political parties.

I can remember the time when the Jewish Agency administration had a better work tradition than the government machinery.

Now to the main issue. The World Zionist Organization (WZO) was established by Herzl as a voluntary, democratic body which, in those days, was the only framework through which the Jewish People could act to realize its dream for national revival. To obtain its leaders, the WZO opted for general elections based on proportional representation of all the parties.

In fact, all WZO "governments" (executives) were wall-to-wall coalitions. Dissident leaders who tried to found other Zionist organizations failed and ended up as marginal factions.

With the birth of the State of Israel a political system had to be established. The WZO naturally created it in its own image, thus - alas - bequeathing to the new nation the quiescence of the East-European Diaspora heritage.

AFTER THE establishment of the state, the very existence of the WZO was at issue. The leaders of Israel and the Diaspora came to realize the necessity of maintaining a voluntary

system that would provide an outlet for the aspirations and participation of the Diaspora Zionists. Thus a parallel para-government was formed, a unique phenomenon the like of which does not exist anywhere else in the world.

In 1949, the government of Israel and the WZO agreed on the spheres of activity to be entrusted to the latter.

In the Diaspora, these would be activities that representatives of a sovereign state are not free to undertake (e.g. aliyah, Jewish-Zionist education). In Israel they would be responsible for development activities aiming at promoting and facilitating the absorption of new olim (rural settlement; housing projects; Youth Aliya). The agreement, which eventually became an official "treaty," satisfied all concerned.

The creation of the State of Israel deeply affected the Jews of the Diaspora. Communities all over the world became supportive and sympathetic. In the course of the years, the United Jewish Appeal became a powerful arm, both financially and organizationally. Israel's supporters were no longer content with sending their contributions; they wanted real partnership and direct involvement in decision-making and implementation.

As a consequence, the Jewish Agency was reconstructed: half of the members of its Board of Governors are elected by the WZO, and the other half by the two great fundraising organizations in the Diaspora - the UJA and Keren Hayesod.

FOR A WHOLE generation, the Agency excelled in its achievements. However, deep changes have since affected Israel and the Diaspora and the present situation is completely different.

While the Jewish organizations in the Diaspora acting for Israel continued to gain strength, the WZO underwent a grave decline. This was bound to happen, for the WZO continued to be represented in the

Diaspora by the various Israeli political parties which are preoccupied with internal issues and interests that, to the younger generation in the Diaspora, are meaningless or even repulsive. The WZO is practically non-existent in the field, and sooner rather than later it will disappear from the scene. This process is leading to a disruption of the balance that existed between the founding partners of the Jewish Agency.

Moreover, as a result of changing circumstances in Israel, the objectives of the Diaspora Jews have also changed. The spectacular success of Israeli agriculture has eliminated the need for new agricultural settlements. On the other hand, Israel's rural and peripheral regions are undergoing a deep crisis: the kibbutzim, moshavim and development towns have not been able to cope with the challenge of industrialization and improved services. They must, as soon as possible, reorganize, and integrate their human and physical infrastructure.

This, however, entails interdisciplinary planning, heavy investments in education and training and, most important, recruiting private enterprise for the development of industries. Diaspora Jews who still care can contribute greatly to this end. They need, however, an efficient organizational framework in which to act economically.

If the Jewish Agency had not existed, we would have had to invent it, but it should be reorganized as an equal partnership between the Zionists in Israel and the Jewish organizations in the Diaspora. It should deal with three basic tasks: developing human infrastructure in the rural and peripheral areas of the country; Jewish education; and promoting aliyah. Appointments to the executive and responsible positions should be made on personal merit alone.

It's a tall order, but it is the only way out of today's confusion and tomorrow's disintegration.

The writer is the former long-time head of the Jewish Agency settlement department.

## READERS' LETTERS

### THE DROP-OUT PROBLEM

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, - Your editorial of February 9, "Refuseniks or refugees," does you little credit. No sooner do fresh rumours surface about a Soviet Jewish "exodus" than you decide it is time once again to be drop-out bashers.

It used to be argued (in your paper and elsewhere in Israel) that the drop-out problem was responsible for the closed Kremlin doors. One ought to be grateful, I suppose, that your editorial does not resort to that particular canard. Anyone with an ounce of objectivity has conceded that this claim lacks foundation.

Now your argument is that, were it not for the political refugee status granted by the U.S. to Soviet Jewish emigres, more or most of them would proceed from Vienna to Israel.

But what does political refugee status grant to the Soviet Jewish emigre in America that immigrant status does not confer on the Jewish immigrant in Israel? No one! The refugee visa is therefore not the basis of the emigre's choice of destination. Even without the refugee visa, America would remain attractive to Soviet Jews as to others all over the world simply because it holds out the combined opportunity of material comfort, cultural diversity and individual privacy.

Unless Israel understands that this is what motivates emigres deciding to go to the U.S., it will only go on harming its own image in Soviet Jewish eyes by seeming to apply the test of ideological purity to those seeking Israeli visas.

It may wound our pride to see our visas used as the pretext for exit from the USSR. But surely this does not reduce Israel's role to that of a "travel agency," as you allege. Emigrating from the Soviet Union has nothing in common with going on a pleasure cruise. If we can play any effective role at all in extricating Jews from the tyranny of Soviet life, we should be glad of it, and concentrate on positive efforts to attract more Jews to Israel.

Your editorial names one important problem that has to be overcome if a more positive image is to be projected: namely, the lack of religious openness in this country. No less important a contribution would be putting an end to such graceless and counterproductive maneuvers such as the one suggested in your editorial. Blaming America for being America will not help Israel live up to what Israel can be.

ELI LEDERHENDLER

Jerusalem.

### SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, - It is doubtful if there is another country in the world where Israel is held in greater esteem and admiration than in South Africa. It must also be recalled that South Africa was the second country in the world to recognise the State of Israel in 1948 and our former prime minister, the late Dr. D.F. Malan, was the first head of government to visit the new state.

In these circumstances it is most distressing to learn that Israel is also contemplating sanctions against

South Africa.

It will be an absolutely futile gesture as sanctions will have no effect whatsoever in changing this country's policies, but will most definitely upset the excellent relationship with our Jewish countrymen, and this situation will be exploited by trouble-makers to trigger a wave of anti-Semitism. This is about the last curse one would like to see visited upon our beloved land.

I. FERREIRA

Parow, South Africa.

### HONEST BUS DRIVER

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, - On the morning of February 8, while travelling on the 900 bus to Haifa, somehow I lost close to \$2,000 in cash. Only in the evening did I realize that my money was missing. After a very restless night, I contacted Egged in Tel Aviv, not really believing that the money would be found. Thank God, the money was indeed found by the driver and he immediately passed it on to his superiors.

Hats off to Egged and especially to the driver, Ehud Fikman of Ramat Aviv.

Haifa (Montreal). BUBI KLEIN

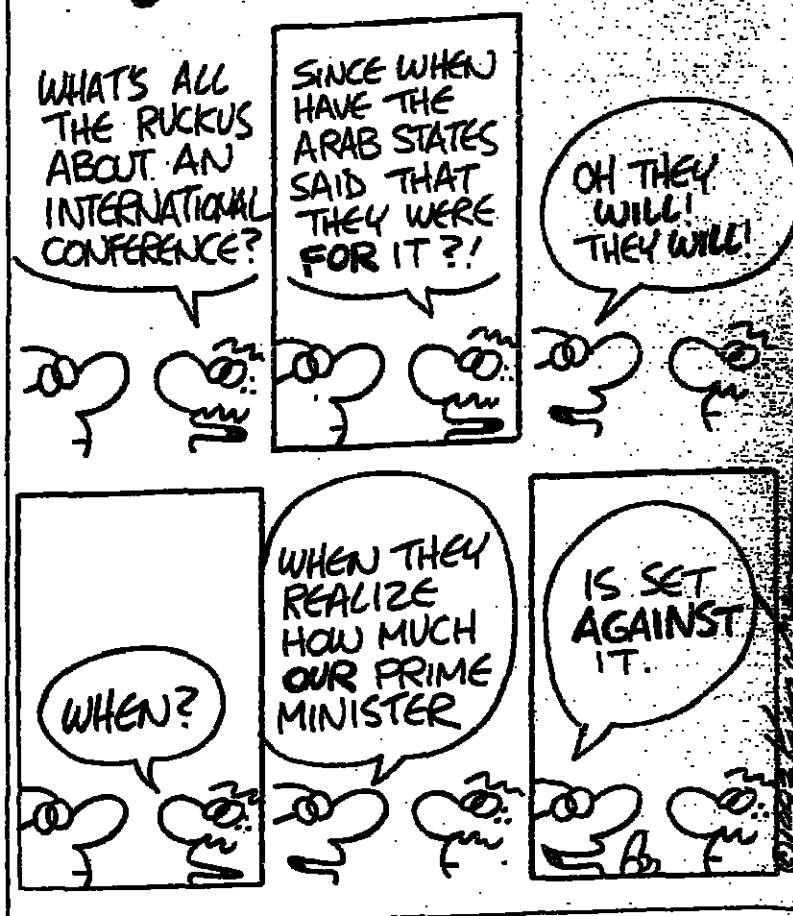
### TRASH ON TV

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, - On February 3, Kolbotek broadcast a graphic description of the pornographic material children are projecting on their home computers. The TV programme showed us the most explicit pornography (hard core) that there is including sex with animals and other how-to-do-it games which the children can operate, speed up and control. Of course, part of it was covered up by a blue ball but it was extremely erotic and should not have been shown on prime-time television when impressionable children are watching.

Of course, Kolbotek wanted to shock the parents, but that is no excuse for bombarding us with such trash.

Petah Tikva. STANLEY LEVIN

## Dry Bones



## Constituency for change

Eliezer Whartman

FOR Israelis despairing of ever living to see a Knesset which will be accountable to the voters and not to party chieftains, there is finally some light glimmering at the end of a long tunnel.

The Knesset Law Committee is expected in the near future to recommend a bill to the House providing that a majority - probably two thirds - of MKs be elected from constituencies, with a minority to be chosen according to the present system of proportional representation. This, it is believed, will bring about a stable two party system while allowing for representation of the splinter parties, but not enough to influence the balance of power as they do today.

The 14 members of the Law Committee have been wrestling with the wording of the proposed statute following the Knesset vote on the measure which garnered the support of 51 MKs - a majority of those present for the vote - but short of the 61 needed for the passage of a major bill.

Proponents of the measure in the committee include all parties except the NRP, Mapam, and Shas. Gula Cohen of Tebiya is thought to be undecided.

Members of the Likud and Labour now seem prepared to endorse electoral reform, a decision apparently stemming from the swelling discontent of a public which is becoming more and more articulate. Among Likud MKs most actively pressing for the passage of the bill are those from problematic development towns who have considerable voter support behind them. They are incensed at the lack of assistance and interest shown in their areas by the entrenched party leadership in Tel Aviv, and are determined upon a change. They have joined with MKs from Labour, the Citizens Rights Movement and Shinui to work for passage of the bill.

SINCE the founding of the state, no party has obtained a clear majority thus necessitating the formation of narrow coalition governments dominated by splinter parties who, because of their strategic position, determine government policy. No party has ever been free to carry out its election platform because of the need to accommodate its partners. In the final analysis, the voter has no

way of knowing what his party will do if elected.

Worse, no one represents him in the Knesset, for no one represents a regional constituency. No MK is obligated to listen to the voter or to explain why he voted as he did, or why he rarely attended Knesset sessions. Since no record is kept of how individual MKs vote, a citizen does not even know the stand taken on issues by Knesset members. Various sectors of the country such as development towns, poor urban districts, Galilee and the Negev are grossly underrepresented.

Now, for the first time in the history of the state, two major parties control the government. This, say proponents of the bill, presents a rare opportunity - possibly the last - to bring about much needed reforms. The alternative is the formation of yet another unstable, narrow coalition government at the mercy of the splinter parties.

Leading the fight for electoral reform is the Concerned Citizens Committee, a volunteer, apolitical association established in 1980 by Chaim Herzog. For seven long years, it has struggled to introduce a more representative democracy in Israel.

Committee members will be joined on Sunday Feb. 22nd by members of the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel who will jointly man tables in the major squares of cities and towns to get people to sign letters to MKs urging them to vote for the electoral reform bill.

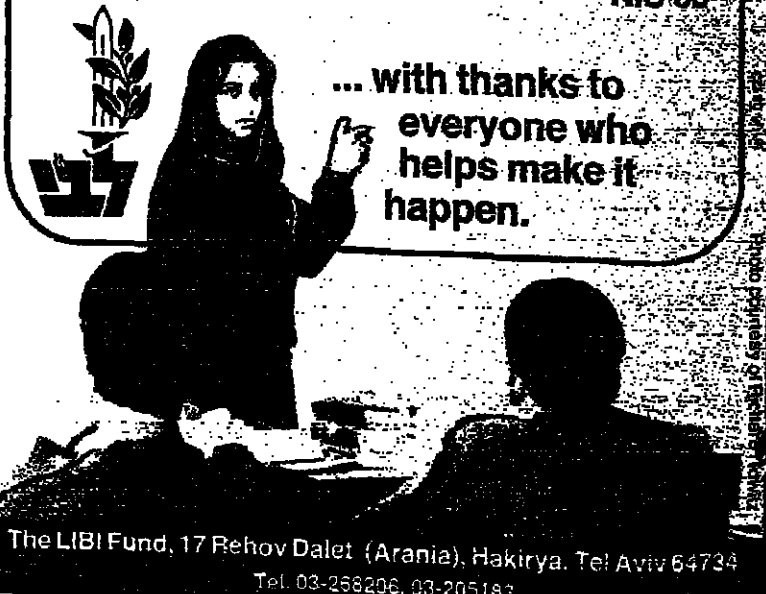
"We're calling this 'Operation Hakim'," emphasizes Zelda Harris, director of the CCC. "Hakim in Hebrew stands for members of the Knesset. It can also mean: 'Chaver Knesset - mi hu?' Who represents you in the Knesset? Almost everyone is agreed that the Knesset must be made responsive to the people. The organizers hope that every citizen who wants better government will write or call the Knesset members."

MKs, mayors and civic leaders are expected to be among those who will be signing the letters on Sunday. A number have already indicated that they will encourage others to do so.

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